

WEALTH AND POVERTY

Wealth

Proverbs 3:9: ⁹ Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops;

Proverbs 5:10: ¹⁰ lest strangers feast on your wealth and your toil enrich the house of another.

Proverbs 8:18-19: ¹⁸ With me are riches and honor, enduring wealth and prosperity. ¹⁹ My fruit is better than fine gold; what I yield surpasses choice silver.

Proverbs 10:4, 22: ⁴ Lazy hands make for poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth. ²² The blessing of the LORD brings wealth, without painful toil for it.

Proverbs 11:4, 16, 24: ⁴ Wealth is worthless in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death. ¹⁶ A kindhearted woman gains honor, but ruthless men gain only wealth. ²⁴ One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.

Proverbs 13:7, 18, 22: ⁷ One person pretends to be rich, yet has nothing; another pretends to be poor, yet has great wealth. ¹⁸ Whoever disregards discipline comes to poverty and shame, but whoever heeds correction is honored. ²² A good person leaves an inheritance for their children's children, but a sinner's wealth is stored up for the righteous.

Proverbs 14:24: ²⁴ The wealth of the wise is their crown, but the folly of fools yields folly.

Proverbs 15:16: ¹⁶ Better a little with the fear of the LORD than great wealth with turmoil.

Proverbs 18:10-11: ¹⁰ The name of the LORD is a fortified tower; the righteous run to it and are safe. ¹¹ The wealth of the rich is their fortified city; they imagine it a wall too high to scale.

Proverbs 11:28: ²⁸ Those who trust in their riches will fall, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf.

Proverbs 19:4, 14: ⁴ Wealth attracts many friends, but even the closest friend of the poor person deserts them. ¹⁴ Houses and wealth are inherited from parents, but a prudent wife is from the LORD.

Proverbs 22:16: ¹⁶ One who oppresses the poor to increase his wealth and one who gives gifts to the rich—both come to poverty.

Proverbs 28:8: ⁸ Whoever increases wealth by taking interest or profit from the poor amasses it for another, who will be kind to the poor.

Proverbs 28:20: A faithful person will be richly blessed, but one eager to get rich will not go unpunished.

Poverty

Proverbs 10:4, 15: ⁴ Lazy hands make for poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth. ¹⁵ The wealth of the rich is their fortified city, but poverty is the ruin of the poor.

Proverbs 11:24: ²⁴ One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.

Proverbs 13:7-8,18: ⁷ One person pretends to be rich, yet has nothing; another pretends to be poor, yet has great wealth. ⁸ A person's riches may ransom their life, but the poor cannot respond to threatening rebukes. ¹⁸ Whoever disregards discipline comes to poverty and shame, but whoever heeds correction is honored.

Proverbs 14:20-21: ²⁰ The poor are shunned even by their neighbors, but the rich have many friends. ²¹ It is a sin to despise one's neighbor, but blessed is the one who is kind to the needy.

Proverbs 16:19: ¹⁹ Better to be lowly in spirit along with the oppressed than to share plunder with the proud.

Proverbs 17:5: ⁵ Whoever mocks the poor shows contempt for their Maker; whoever gloats over disaster will not go unpunished.

Proverbs 19:1-4, 7, 17: ¹ Better the poor whose walk is blameless than a fool whose lips are perverse. ² Desire without knowledge is not good— how much more will hasty feet miss the way! ³ A person's own folly leads to their ruin, yet their heart rages against the LORD. ⁴ Wealth attracts many friends, but even the closest friend of the poor person deserts them. ⁷ The poor are shunned by all their relatives— how much more do their friends avoid them! Though the poor pursue them with pleading, they are nowhere to be found. ¹⁷ Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done.

Proverbs 20:13: ¹³ Do not love sleep or you will grow poor; stay awake and you will have food to spare.

Proverbs 21:5,13,17: ⁵ The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty. ¹³ Whoever shuts their ears to the cry of the poor will also cry out and not be answered.

Proverbs 22:2,7,16: ² Rich and poor have this in common: The LORD is the Maker of them all. ⁷ The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is slave to the lender. ¹⁶ One who oppresses the poor to increase his wealth and one who gives gifts to the rich—both come to poverty.

Proverbs 23:21: ²¹ for drunkards and gluttons become poor, and drowsiness clothes them in rags.

Proverbs 24:33-34: ³³ A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest— ³⁴ and poverty will come on you like a thief and scarcity like an armed man

Proverbs 28:3,6,11: ³ A ruler who oppresses the poor is like a driving rain that leaves no crops. ⁶ Better the poor whose walk is blameless than the rich whose ways are perverse. ¹¹ The rich are wise in their own eyes; one who is poor and discerning sees how deluded they are.

Proverbs 30:8: ⁸ Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread.

Proverbs 31:6-7: ⁶ Let beer be for those who are perishing, wine for those who are in anguish! ⁷ Let them drink and forget their poverty and remember their misery no more.